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Please amend claims as follows:

1.   (canceled)

2.   (currently amended) A method for assigning resource capacity to projects, said method comprising:

directing a list of requests for resources issued by a project team to at least one appropriate resource group manager based upon resource configuration;

analysis of said list of requests by said at least one resource group manager to make a determination as to the capacity for assigning the requested resources to said project; and

assigning capacity to said project ~~based on said determination made by said at least one resource manager~~ based on a pro rata basis, according to the number of requests and the unused capacity of each resource group.

3.   (original) A method for assigning resource capacity to projects, said method comprising:

directing a list of requests for resources issued by a project team to at least one appropriate resource group manager based upon resource configuration;

analysis of said list of requests by said at least one resource group manager to make a determination as to the capacity for assigning the requested resources to said project;

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directing said determination made by said at lest one resource group manager to a portfolio manager for approval, disapproval or modification; and

assigning capacity to said project based on said approval, disapproval or modification made by said portfolio manager.

4.   (original) A method for assigning resource capacity to projects, said method comprising:

directing a list of requests for resources issued by a project team to at least one appropriate resource group manager based upon resource configuration;

analysis of said list of requests by said at least one resource group manager to make a determination as to the capacity for assigning the requested resources to said project;

transmitting a tentatively assigned capacity to said project team based on said determination made by said at least one resource manager; and

confirming said tentatively assigned capacity after a portfolio manager approves said determination made by said at lest one resource manager.

5.   (original) A computer program product embodied on a computer-readable medium and comprising code that, when executed, causes the computer to perform the following:

a determination of resource capacity for each resource group;

a determination of resource assignment for each project;

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an analysis of said determined resource group capacity and said determined project assignment with one another; and

a generation of a report illustrating the same.

6.   (original) A computer program product embodied on a computer-readable medium and comprising code that, when executed, causes the computer to perform the following:

a review of data items contained in a schedule for enterprise management, said data items including current plan information, goal information and actual information;

continuous adjustments of said current plan information and said actual information on a continuous basis, and adjustments of said goal information on a given periodic basis;

a comparison of said current plan information, said actual information, and said goal information to one another as determined by said continuous adjustments and said periodic adjustments; and

a notification of a variance of said current plan information said actual information, and said goal information to one another as determined by said comparison.

7.   (original) A computer program product embodied on a computer-readable medium and comprising code that, when executed, causes the computer to perform the following:

an association of at least two portfolios with one another to create a superportfolio inheriting tracking criteria from each of said at least two portfolios;

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an imposition of said inherited tracking criteria from said superportfolio on said association of said at least two portfolios creating said superportfolio; and

an imposition of said inherited tracking on projects subordinate to each of said at least two portfolios of said association.